

Application Serial No. 09/295,431
Amendment Dated October 31, 2003
Reply to Office Action of June 4, 2003

REMARKS

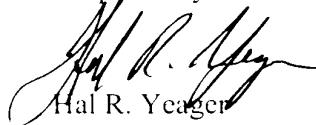
This Response is submitted in response to the final Action Mailed June 4, 2003, wherein claims 1-18 and 45-48 were allowed; wherein claim 41 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious; and wherein claims 42-44 were objected to for being dependent upon a rejected independent claim 41. With this Amendment, the whole language of claim 41, as previously provided, has been incorporated into each of claims 43 and 44, to thereby overcome the objections to claims 43 and 44. In addition, the whole language of claim 42 has been incorporated into claim 41 by this Amendment, and claim 42 has been canceled without prejudice. These actions address the objection to claim 42 and render the prior rejection of claim 41 moot. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments do not enter new matter, and respectfully requests that they be entered.

To the extent that the withdrawn claims 19-40 and 49 have not been previously canceled without prejudice, Applicants hereby cancel claims 19-40 and 49 without prejudice.

CONCLUSION

In view of the remarks made above, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner should have any questions or feel that a telephone interview would be productive in resolving issues in the case, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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